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CIA's Too Many Cooks Do Spoil the Snoop

There are hopeful signs that the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency is about to undergo a long-needed job of reorganization and streamlining.

The slip of the once-potent government adjunct began showing at the Bay of Pigs fiasco and its sag has steadily become more apparent.

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Where a strong, supreme, expertly-administered intelligence arm, comparable to the superb FBI, is essential, the CIA has degenerated into a hodge-podge of government branch spy-boy units, each contributing to a mass climate of inter-section rivalry, jealousy and secrecy.

The intelligence chaos came to full flower in our Viet Nam adventure, where coup after coup in the "sovereignty" of South Viet Nam caught the CIA with its snoopers down.

Most of the ineptitude shown by the Agency in that area is rooted in the weird proliferation of its function. From CIA headquarters in the U. S. embassy in Saigon, the organization's 200 or more agents are divided into three groups: administrative and analysts, field observers and infiltrators.

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The U. S. Information Service set up an intelligence unit. The U. S.

Army set up the 704th Military Intelligence Detachment. The Provost Marshall's office had an intelligence outfit. The Army created another intelligence unit for "strategic intelligence." And there are still more undercover setups, all maintaining fierce unit *esprit* and taking enormous pride in intelligence scoops—to the ruination of a cohesive, effective intelligence service.

If anyone can straighten out the CIA mess, it is the man just appointed to head it.

Admiral WILLIAM F. RABORN was picked by President JOHNSON not because of his military background, but because of his outstanding administrative ability. It was he who had executive charge of development of the Polaris submarine program. His Navy managerial record was almost uncanny.

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The Admiral's new assignment will be a supreme test of his ability.